

# NEWS from the Center for Heritage Renewal

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**SUBJECT:** Ole Lykken Spanish War Monument

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The Ole Lykken Spanish War Monument, located along the north border of the Kindred, North Dakota, cemetery, is featured in an authoritative website documenting historical monuments of the northern plains.

The Ole Lykken monument honors the service and sacrifice of a Norwegian farm worker who enlisted in Company K of the First North Dakota Volunteer Infantry during the Spanish War of 1898. His service in the Philippines was not particularly distinguished; he was written up for talking back to a noncommissioned officer, and he died of malaria and typhoid in a Manila hospital. He left behind hardly any wealth or possessions - but his neighbors in Kindred honored him with an impressive granite obelisk.

*Remembrance in Stone* is the title of the website (URL = [heritagerenewal.org/stone](http://heritagerenewal.org/stone)) established by North Dakota State University's Center for Heritage Renewal. A guide to historical monuments on the northern plains, *Remembrance in Stone* is intended both to showcase the research of NDSU History students and to provide information to heritage tourists in the region. Web pages feature individual historical monuments, providing location (including coordinates), historical background, photographs, and video clips.

"There are lots of Internet guides for travelers out there," remarks Professor Tom Isern, director of the center. "The difference with ours is, we do the documentary and field research to make our features authoritative. The Ole Lykken monument in Kindred, we find, is a poignant one, because it celebrates an immigrant farmhand who died in service to his adopted country."

(For photos of the monument, download from the website. Please credit NDSU Center for Heritage Renewal.)

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